THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir, Annual inflation measured in terms of WPI of thirty essential commodities for 2007-08 is indicated in Table-I.

Table 1: Year-on-year composite monthly inflation in 30 essential commodities (%) (April 2007 to March 2008)

Year/Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2007-08	3.3	1.7	0.9	2.8	2.7	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.3	2.7	2.9	5.2

P: Provisional

An upward trend in some of the items of daily use, such as rice, wheat, tur and edible oils has mainly been on account of inadequate domestic availability relative to demand and increase in the international prices. Higher minimum support price may have also contributed to the price rise. In the context of discussions regarding whether and to what extent futures trading has contributed to price rise in agricultural commodities in recent times, the Government has set up an Expert Committee on March 2, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission to study, *inter alia,* the extent of impact, if any, of futures trading on wholesale and retail prices of agricultural commodities. The report is awaited. Futures contract, however, for tur, urad, wheat and rice already stand delisted.

Land blocked due to closure of industries

2364. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium and large scale industries closed or under liquidation during last ten years;

(b) the total land area blocked in such closed/liquidated industries; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to have fast track mechanism to get such lands un-blocked for re-industrialisation purpose including SEZ?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) As per information available, 18 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) registered with Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) have been closed/under liquidation during last 10 years. Different agencies that are appointed as liquidators look into aspects relating to land area blocked in such closed/liquidated industries.

Loan outstanding against State Governments

2365. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have incurred outstanding amount of various nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the details of States that have incurred outstanding amount of nationalized banks, as on date, with due date and reasons therefor; and